

Appln. No. 10/765,432
Amendment dated April 12, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed January 12, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 through 6, and 8 through 13 remain in this application.
Claims 2 and 7 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn.
Claims 14 and 15 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 13 have been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 6, and 10 have been amended in a manner believed to clarify any informalities in the language.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 3 through 6, and 8 through 13 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 4 through 6, 9 through 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koizumi et al. (US 5,323,847).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 2, which was indicated as being allowable over the prior art, and therefore claim 1, as well as claims 3 through 5, is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 7, which was indicated as being allowable over the prior art, and therefore claim 6, as well as claims 8 and 9, is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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Claim 10 has been amended to further clarify the structure of the portable computer required therein, and requires, in part, "wherein the portable computer is characterized by having a clamshell housing with a display portion and a keyboard portion pivotally coupled together". It is submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art, considering the Koizumi patent, would not be led to the requirements of claim 10, particularly the requirement set forth above.

Added claim 14 further defines the structure of the portable computer, and requires that "the second fluid circuit is located in the keyboard portion of the clamshell housing of the portable computer". Added claim 15 requires that "the at least two second couplers are located on the keyboard portion of the clamshell housing of the portable computer". It is submitted that the Koizumi patent would also not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the requirements of these claims.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1, 4 through 6, 9, 10, and 13 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph of the Office Action

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action states that claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 10 (in its original form) into the recitation of claim 11, and therefore claim 11 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 12 and 13, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 11, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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